



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER**  
**TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Applicant(s): Charles J. Renz et al.  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 30, 2005 rejecting claims 34, 37-44 and 57-64.

The total petition fee for this Notice of Appeal is calculated to be \$500.00 and our check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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